

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Start begins next week.

Mr. George Brant, of Lilly, was a visitor on Thursday.

Two more will finish up the county high school work.

Mr. James Hill, of Portage township, is a few hours in town on Thursday.

Mr. J. P. Mullen, Lilly's enterprising driver, drove up to Ebensburg on Thursday.

Mr. James Fick, of Allegheny township, was a visitor to Ebensburg on Wednesday.

Mr. J. H. Stiemann, one of South Cambria's business men, was a visitor to Ebensburg on Tuesday.

The morning of this place held a light rain, and the weather was pleasant.

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—Mrs. Mary Moulton was given a verdict for \$2,000 and J. H. Maze, guardian, for \$1,000 against the Pennsylvania and Northwestern Railroad Company at Clearfield for the injury of Mrs. Moulton's husband by the explosion of a locomotive boiler. The explosion occurred at Ironva a few years ago.

—Andrew Sabough, a Hungarian miner who died recently at Trout Run, in Portage township, was known to have possessed \$1,000 before his death, which he kept concealed in some secret place. He did not believe his illness would prove fatal and steadily refused to reveal the hiding place of his treasure to any of his friends. There is now little prospect of its ever being found.

—Maple sugar manufacturers anticipate an unusually good season this spring. They claim that protracted cold weather, especially where the ground has not been frozen to a depth of more than four or five inches, has caused the maple trees to produce larger quantities than in seasons following a winter noted for its moderate temperature.

—Thomas Steer, of Rayne township, Indiana county, who had been fined five dollars and costs of an attachment for failing to appear as a juror in the trial of a case in the Rayne township court, shot himself with a suicidal intent on Wednesday last week, being afraid that he would have to go to jail upon his failure to pay the amount. He died on Friday morning. He leaves a wife and six children.

—A fine township farmer whose name we have forgotten, was surprised last Friday morning when he went to the barn to "tend the stock." In the cow shed he found three deer and in the horse stable a black bear and a catamount. The deer ran at his approach, but the bear and catamount were so badly frightened that they leaped into the air and landed on the roof of the barn.

—Newly elected justices of the peace are required to file their acceptance of office with the prothonotary within 30 days after the election, stating whom they succeed, whether the vacancy occurs by resignation or expiration, and also when term of office expires. Newly elected justices should bear this in mind as a matter of course, with the law leaves a vacancy which must be filled by appointment from the governor.

—On Friday morning when train 307 was going up to Cresson they received orders at Garway Junction to watch for a truck along the track. A train of empties was coming down from Cresson and the truck jumped from under the car next to the engine, leaving nothing but the links to hold it up. It stayed in position for about six miles. This seems like prevarication, but one of the trainmen says it is true.

—The Harvard Quartette gave an entertainment at the Opera House on Saturday evening which was of a high order of merit but very simply attended. They deserved a better fate for it was the unanimous opinion of all in the audience that it was the best quartette that has visited Ebensburg for several years. On Sunday they sang in the choir of the Congregational church and that edifice was filled to its utmost capacity.

—A sad sequel to the Elbe disaster and the drowning of Fannie Drueher, whose sister lives in Bradford, Pa., came in the shape of a letter from the father who resides in the interior of Hungary. The letter told the daughter in Bradford that Fannie had arrived safely, and why no word had been sent the parents to that effect. The parents evidently have not yet learned of the accident which led the vessel and the drowning of the girl.

—Superintendent of Motive Power Turner, of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh, has been ordered to have the company's shops the most perfect locomotive ever built in this country. In many respects it is like the "600" of the New York Central, as it weighs the same and has the same size drivers. It is equipped with an electric headlight and on a straight track it is claimed that the engineer can see a man two miles ahead, and at even a greater distance a man can look at his watch and tell the hour.

—A comical incident happened at the recent meeting of the Pennsylvania State Dairymen in Meadville, Crawford county. A. J. Palm, editor of the *Messenger*, was opposed to the tactics of certain opponents of dairymen, but procured a one-pound package of Chicago butterine and entered it for competition under the name of "Farmer Friend." The jury of awards granted prizes, not distinguishing the difference between the real and the fake. The one-pound package took second prize and the five-pound package third prize.

—Four attorneys of this county have furnished opinions on the compensation of our county commissioners. Messrs. Schell and Kittell holding that the commissioners are entitled to the per diem compensation, while Messrs. W. Horace Rose and J. F. McKenrick hold that the salary is fixed at \$800 per year, the publishing of opinions is but waiting time.

—A man convicted against his will is of the same opinion still. The matter should be brought before the court where it could be argued by the attorneys and then settled definitely.

—A party of shooters who were engaged in shooting a road through the huge snow drifts of the road over Litzinger's hill, between Carrolltown and Chest Springs, were surprised to see the tips of a horse's ears sticking out of the top of an immense and solidly packed drift. They went vigorously to work to excavate the animal, and their efforts were rewarded by uncovering a sleigh as well, the sleigh containing a full complement of robes, whip, etc. The horse was standing erect and was frozen stiff. The driver or occupant of the sleigh up to the time of going to press has not been found.

—Four tramps entered the house of Lizzy Kline, near the town of Indiana, last Tuesday night, by forcing the door. The woman lives alone and is represented to have considerable money. The tramps bound and gagged her and ransacked the house. Miss Kline says they got \$8. When the tramps left the house they were considering fire, but she managed to relieve herself from the ropes before she was burned. The men did not wear masks and apparently did not otherwise disguise themselves. The outrage was committed within a short distance of the state normal school.

—In Case of a Tie Vote. The law for the selection of school directors in case of a tie is quite a curiosity at any time and of interest now. "When two or more candidates shall have received an equal number of votes for the same term of office, at any election of directors or controllers whereby their election shall be prevented, the said candidates shall appear at the next regular meeting of the board of directors or controllers, which said board shall determine their rights to seats therein in the following manner: Ballots shall be prepared, equal in number to the opposing number of candidates, on one-half of which the word 'director' shall be written, whereupon the said candidates shall draw, from a proper receptacle, one of said ballots, and the candidate or candidates drawing the ballot or ballots marked 'director' shall be held and deemed duly elected to the said office of director or controller."

—Conceded in the Woods. Several days ago the remains of an infant were found by a number of boys in a field in Indiana county. This led to an investigation and resulted on Tuesday in the arrest of Edward Colbaugh, of Johnstown, on a complaint of Miss Rose Jones, of Indiana county. Colbaugh is a brother-in-law of the prosecutor and has a wife and several children in Johnstown.

—He was taken to Indiana county on Tuesday night and lodged in the jail, having been given a hearing before an alderman. The account is that the child was born last October, soon died, was taken to the woods and concealed.

—Judge Parker held a special argument court at Hollidaysburg on Tuesday.

—The following regulations for Lent have been officially issued by Bishop Phelan, of the Pittsburgh Catholic diocese: Philip Collins was born in Munster, this county, in 1820, his father being Peter Collins, a native of Ireland, who at an early day emigrated to this country, located in Munster and continued his residence there until the subject of this notice had grown to manhood, when their home and a great part of their possessions were destroyed by fire. Soon after the father and Philip, the eldest son, purchased a tract of land on the Clearfield creek in Clearfield township, now the site of Dysart, where a primitive water saw mill had been erected by James Ross, long since deceased, who claimed large bodies of land in that vicinity from whom they purchased, and the Collins family started to clear out a farm and home, and while clearing the land convert the timber into lumber. After several years' hard work and the usual privations attendant upon the early settlement of this county, the land was cleared and the family moved to Cambria for a generation appeared, in which the title to large bodies of land in that portion of the county were in dispute, claimed under what was known as the Fishers' title.

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He was a member of the Catholic church in this place, and on Tuesday morning after a solemn High Mass of Requiem, his remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery. May he rest in peace.

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